



### **Community News & Events**

#### **CELEBRATE EARTH DAY 2008: Green Innovations for a Clean California Symposium – April 11th**



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([Click Here for the Agenda](#))

Chabot – Las Positas Community College District as well as Assemblymember Mary Hayashi will announce exciting new major green projects and legislation. Attendees will also have an opportunity to see one of University of California, Davis' Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles that achieve 100 miles per gallon.

Location: [Las Positas College, Bldg. 2400, Lecture Hall 2420, 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore, CA 94551](#)

To reserve your seat and attend the symposium, please [click here](#). Seats are limited and reservations are required by calling (510) 583-8818.

Public Transportation Available: From the Dublin/Pleasanton BART station, transfer to Wheels Transit 12 to Las Positas College.

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### Assemblymember Hayashi Names Ms. Dian Harrison Her “Woman of the Year”



Assemblymember Mary Hayashi named Oakland resident, Ms. Dian Harrison, as her Woman of the Year for the 18th Assembly District.

A leader in women's health, Dian has dedicated over 30 years of public service to the non-profit sector, and is currently President and CEO of Planned Parenthood Golden Gate (PPGG). A special ceremony took place on Monday, March 10, 2008 at the State Capitol recognizing Dian and the honorees from each Assembly district.

Dian has shown tremendous leadership through her efforts to protect the rights of women and provide affordable access to health care. She is an absolute inspiration – a model of courage, vision, and compassion that demonstrates how one person can make a difference in the lives of thousands of families.

Under Dian's leadership, PPGG has become an award-winning provider for health care services in the Bay Area, where each year 55,000 women, men, and teens visit the organization's eight health centers. Prior to her appointment at PPGG, Dian held leadership roles with the United Way and the Urban League, and was also the first woman to serve as Vice President of University Relations at Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee, one of the oldest historically black colleges and universities.

### Community Comes Together to Stop Second Power Plant in Hayward and Support Assemblymember Hayashi's AB 1909



On Leap Day, a large community gathering took place at the San Lorenzo Village Homeowners Association to discuss efforts to stop the Tierra Energy of Texas' power plant from being built in Hayward. Assemblymember Hayashi presented her new legislation, AB 1909, that would require the State Energy Resources and Development Commission, more commonly known as the California Energy Commission (CEC), to obtain the approval of the local governing body for the construction of additional thermal power plants and related facilities in a jurisdiction with a preexisting thermal power plant. The bill's intent is to prevent a city such as Hayward from shouldering the environmental and health burdens of producing our state's energy.



Assemblymember Hayashi would like to thank the City of Hayward, Citizens Against Pollution, Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, Gray Panthers of Southern Alameda County, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, and hundreds of citizens who have given their support for the bill.

## Assemblymember Hayashi Co-Authors SCR 87 to Impose a Moratorium on LBAM Aerial Spraying



Last year the Department of Food and Agriculture detected the presence of the Light Brown Apple Moth (LBAM), a native insect of Australia. Its larvae feed on fruit crops, leaves, and pine tree seedlings. The epicenter of the outbreak has been located in Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties where nearly 16,000 moths have been identified.

To attempt to eradicate the LBAM, the department commenced aerial spraying of a pesticide called Checkmate in several counties. Over 600 health complaints were subsequently reported. Now, the department claims it must begin aerial spraying this summer in 10 bay area counties including Alameda County.

SCR 87 would impose a moratorium on any aerial spraying of the light brown apple moth until the department can demonstrate that the chemical compound it intends to use is both safe to humans and effective at eradicating the light brown apple moth.

## Assemblymember Hayashi Introduces Legislation to Require All Counties to Establish Suicide Hotlines

24 - Hour Crisis Line  
Anywhere in Alameda County: 1-800-309-2131  
Nationwide Hotline: 1-800-SUICIDE

In 2004, over 16,000 Californians attempted suicide, with 3,300 dying by suicide each year. Crisis hotlines are a critical part of preventing suicide, providing immediate support and skilled intervention. Last year, over 34,000 calls were placed to Suicide Prevention Lifeline Network call centers in California, and over 1,500 individuals were saved from immediate life-threatening situations. Yet 30 percent of these California callers –approximately 10,000– had to be re-routed to call centers in other states.

AB 2667 seeks to save thousands of lives by ensuring that Californians have access to crisis intervention services in their local area as we currently have in Alameda County. The bill will require all California counties to establish or have access to a 24-hour crisis intervention hotline by January 1, 2012. This legislation will allow individuals in crisis throughout California to receive both the immediate support and longer term case management that local crisis hotlines provide.

## Assemblymember Hayashi Discusses the Governor's Proposed Cuts to Education with Members of the PTA



Assemblymembers Hayashi, Hancock, Swanson and Torrico accepted an invitation from the Peralta District Parent Teachers Association (PTA) to discuss education issues, in particular the 2008-09 State Budget.

During the meeting, Assemblymember Hayashi reported that the governor proposes to suspend Proposition 98 and cut education funding by \$4 billion. This plan would force school districts to lay-off teachers and increase class sizes. The Assembly Democratic Caucus finds this unacceptable.

To help prevent cuts and the subsequent lay-offs, the Assembly Democratic Caucus has proposed two revenue streams that will allow the state to invest in California's future, our school children. The Caucus proposed to close the sales tax

loophole among purchasers of yachts, vehicles or aircraft by extending the waiting period to bring out-of-state purchases into California from 90 days to one year. In addition, the Assembly Democratic Caucus proposed Assembly Bill 9X3 that would implement a severance tax on oil production by 6% similar to Oklahoma and Texas and impose a 2% windfall tax on oil companies that have excess profits of \$10 million. If these changes were to pass, more than \$1.2 billion would go directly to education funding. Unfortunately, the Assembly Democratic Caucus did not receive the required 2/3 votes constitutionally needed to pass these measures.



If you would like to weigh-in on the governor's proposed cuts to education, please [click here](#).

## Hayashi's Vision Care Bill for Retired Local Government Employees Passes the First Assembly Committee

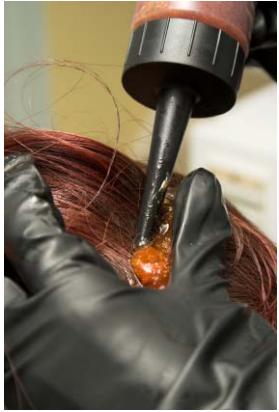


Assemblymember Mary Hayashi's vision care bill, AB 1997, passed the Assembly Committee on Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security. The bill will allow over 1,500 local government entities that contract with CalPERS to offer vision care to their retirees, including firefighters, police officers, educators, and librarians.

Vision care is an important, yet under-appreciated, preventive health care service. The National Institutes of Health estimates that over 11 million Americans have an uncorrected visual impairment. The Eye Digest reports that 1 in 28 Americans aged 40 or older are suffering from low vision or blindness, creating a national need for education, regular screenings and access to vision care programs. Retired employees must meet qualification standards that will be established by this bill, and pay a premium that will be determined by CalPERS for coverage.



## Assemblymember Hayashi's Bill to Safeguard Consumer Cosmetic Products Passes the Assembly Health Committee



Assemblymember Hayashi's AB 2106, a bill that would ban nine ingredients from use in cosmetics that have been proven to cause adverse health effects including cancer, reproductive toxicity, skin sensitization and skin depigmentation, unanimously passed the Assembly Health Committee.

The Cosmetic Ingredient Review Panel (CIR), established in 1976 to ensure products sold or manufactured are safe for consumer use, conducted extensive research and found these nine ingredients to be unsafe. They include Chloroacetamide, Ethoxyethanol and Ethoxyethanol Acetate, HC Blue No. 1, p-Hydroxyanisole, 4-Methoxy-m-Phenylenediamine, 4-Methoxy-m-Phenylenediamine Hydrochloride, 4-Methoxy-m-Phenylenediamine Sulfate carcinogenicity, and Pyrocatechol. These ingredients have been used and sold in deodorants, hair dyes and artificial nail systems.

Although the cosmetic industry listens to CIR, the removal of these ingredients is solely on a voluntary basis. As more and more products are manufactured overseas, this bill will make it illegal for companies conducting business in California to stock store shelves with unsafe cosmetics. AB 2106 is the appropriate next step needed to protect California consumers.

## Assemblymember Hayashi Co-Authors the Subprime Lending Act of 2008

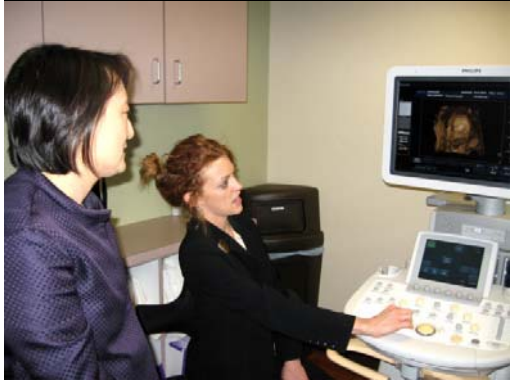


According to Data Quick Information Systems, the fourth quarter of 2007 set an all-time record in California for the number of homes in various stages of foreclosure. More than 31,500 homes throughout the state were reported to be in foreclosure, twice the number of foreclosures since the last major real estate downturn in 1996. The crisis resulted from several years of loose lending standards and the promotion of subprime mortgage products. While these loans offered first-time homeowners appealing incentives, they also came with the risk of future higher interest rates and severe penalties. Many lenders and brokers received incentives for placing a person in a subprime loan when he or she would have qualified for a prime loan, or they received commissions on the number of loans sold no matter if borrowers defaulted on the loan a year or two later. When home prices began to fall in 2006, homebuyers were unable to refinance their high-interest loans since they often owed more than what the home was currently worth. Many also faced large prepayment penalties for refinancing before the end of the initial term.

AB 1830, the Subprime Lending Act of 2008, would place new regulations on subprime loans by eliminating the abovementioned incentives to loan originators, as well as prohibit prepayment penalties on subprime loans and high cost loans. The bill would require that borrowers prove their ability to repay the loan at the highest monthly rate including taxes and insurance, and requires pre-loan counseling for high-cost loans.

Homeowners who are facing foreclosure and need assistance may seek more information on Assemblymember Hayashi's website at [www.assembly.ca.gov/hayashi](http://www.assembly.ca.gov/hayashi) or call her district office at (510) 583-8818.

## St. Rose Hospital Honored for Its New “Women Imaging Center”



On March 26<sup>th</sup>, Assemblymember Hayashi honored St. Rose Hospital for investing nearly \$1.5 million to build its new “Women Imaging Center” that utilizes the latest digital mammography and ultrasound equipment.

The new facility is designed to resemble a health spa where each guest is outfitted with cloth robes, nicely decorated rooms, and a sense of tranquility.

Assemblymember Hayashi had an opportunity to see the new digital ultrasound machine and its amazing picture quality. Congratulations to all the hospital staff who helped make this center a reality and a comfortable

atmosphere for women! Special thanks to Dr. Michael Faer, Director of Diagnostic Imaging; Mr. Michael Mahoney, CEO of St. Rose Hospital; and Ms. Pam Russo, Executive Director of St. Rose Hospital Foundation and Marketing.



## Two Women of the 18<sup>th</sup> Assembly District Inducted into the Alameda County Women’s Hall of Fame



Assemblymember Mary Hayashi honored the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Women’s Hall of Fame Awards Ceremony for the Commission on the Status of Women – Alameda County.

Two of the inductees live in the 18<sup>th</sup> Assembly District including the Honorable Peggy Fulton Hora, Retired Alameda County Superior Court Judge, and Ms. Peggy Peabody, Artistic Director of Ballet Petit in Hayward.

Judge Hora was honored for her “unyielding devotion to fairness” and work in the creation of the Alameda County Drug Treatment Court. She is best known to the community as the judge who gave a woman defendant her own dress so that she would not have to appear before a jury in jail clothes.



Ms. Peabody was honored for her devotion to share the “artistry and inspiration of classical ballet with others.” She has taught ballet to hundreds of students for 29 years. Each year, her students perform in the Nutcracker production for Oakland’s Ballet. Several of her students have successfully made ballet their careers and have worked with the esteemed American Ballet Theater and Royal Ballet of London. Congratulations!

## Upcoming Events

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#### **Morning Session 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

Topics: Global Warming & Its Effects on California, Organic Solar Collectors, Renewable Energy, Health & Environmental Impacts of Energy Generation and Solar Photovoltaic Research, and Environmental Legislation in California.

#### **Afternoon Session 1:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

Topics: Energy Efficient Technology for a Smart Home & Smart Office, Unlocking the Energy from within the Earth, Bay Area Companies Leading the Clean Technology Challenge, and Clean Technology & Workforce Development.

Location: Las Positas College, Bldg. 2400, Lecture Hall 2420, 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore, CA 94551

### Assemblymember Hayashi to Emcee Girls Inc. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration



Girls Incorporated celebrates 50 years of inspiring girls to be strong, smart, and bold. Assemblymember Mary Hayashi will emcee the celebration event on Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at the Rotunda building in Oakland. Assemblymember Hayashi will present the Lifetime Achievement Award to Pat Loomes, Executive Director of Girls Incorporated. She will also recognize Eunice Azzani as the Strong, Smart, Bold Award winner. We proudly celebrate their 50 years of fine programming and service to girls in Alameda County! For more information, [click here](#).

## Assemblymember Mary Hayashi Hosts a Women's Health Fair – May 10th



As Mother's Day approaches, it's a great time for mothers and daughters to come together and focus on healthy living. Staying informed on women's health concerns and receiving the latest information is vital to achieving optimal health. Positive nutrition, fitness, and mental health are all critical to comprehensive health wellness.

The month of May is also Women's Health Month. Please Join Assemblymember Mary Hayashi on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the San Leandro Library, Karp Auditorium, 300 Estudillo Avenue in San Leandro for a Women's Health Fair. Receive free screenings on bone density, blood glucose and more; hear about nutrition facts every woman needs to know; talk to health professionals; and obtain the latest women's health information. Free admission. For more information, [click here](#).

## Tip of the Month

### Tax Tips



- In order to receive the federal tax rebate from the Economic Stimulus package, you must file a tax return. This applies to those who normally do not file such as seniors and low-income taxpayers. The rebate can be worth as much as \$1,500 per household.
- You can electronically file your state income taxes for free at [CalFile](#).
- If your annual gross income was \$54,000 or less, you can electronically file your federal income tax for free by [clicking here](#).
- Need more information, the California Franchise Tax Board offers free 24-hour automated phone service at 1-800-338-0505. To speak with a live customer service representative weekdays between the hours of 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., call 1-800-852-5711. More information is available at [www.ftb.ca.gov](http://www.ftb.ca.gov).
- For more information, go to my *Resource Page* of my official website and scroll down to "Tax Assistance" or [click here](#).



## Resources Available

### Publications Available



Child Immunization Law



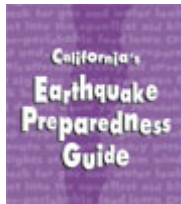
Ovarian Cancer Resource Guide



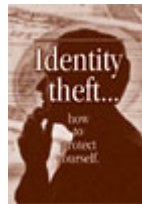
High Blood Pressure



Senior Resource Guide



Earthquake Preparedness Guide



ID Theft Guide



Diabetes Guide



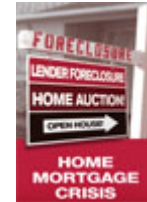
Stroke: Don't ignore the risk factors!



Breast Cancer Resource Guide



Children's Coloring Book – How a Bill Becomes Law



Home Mortgage Crisis Resource Guide

Free community resource guides are now available in print or online through Assemblymember Mary Hayashi's district office. Copies are available throughout the 18<sup>th</sup> Assembly District at senior centers, libraries, health clinics, and community organizations. If you or your organization would like printed copies, contact the district office at (510) 583-8818.

## State Resources Website



Want to find energy saving tips? Find it and over 170 other state resource links that offer valuable information on a wide range of topics such as how to find a smog-check only station, how to receive free cash for college, how to protect yourself from identity theft, and how to apply for a FasTrak toll device.

To visit the new webpage, log on to Assemblymember Hayashi's official homepage at [www.assembly.ca.gov/hayashi](http://www.assembly.ca.gov/hayashi) and click on the *State Resources Websites* link. This will lead web browsers to a list of service-based websites. From there click on any of the service links and be directed to the appropriate state agency's website.

Whether you're looking for tips on how to save on prescriptions or attempting to find the nearest recycling center, this new webpage is a convenient and comprehensive resource.

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